

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Since Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, it is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But as a large corporation, I believe it is abusing its power to spread propaganda to further its own agenda. There are many people that believe what they hear or see on TV, and it is important that they not be swayed one way or another by an entity that is not serving the public's interest, but clearly is only thinking of its own bottom line.

We need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them, and it's clearly proven by Sinclair's intended actions. License renewal should be subject to close scrutiny of harmful practices like interfering with democracy, and not reduced to returning a postcard.

Thank you.